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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Soichi YAMAZAKI, et al.

SERIAL NO: New Application

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EXAMINER:

FOR: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

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- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
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RELATED CASES

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LIST OF RELATED CASES

<u>Docket Number</u>	<u>Serial or Patent Number</u>	<u>Filing or Issue Date</u>	<u>Inventor/Applicant</u>
216232US2S	09/988,138	11/19/01	KUMURA et al.
241958US2S	10/648,511	08/27/03	KANAYA

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IN RE APPLICATION OF: 247267US2S

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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AO (10-256503) of Form PTO-1449:

Etching stopper layer is deposited on bottom electrode in order to suppress over etching during RIE contact hole to the bottom electrode.

This publication is referred to in the specification. See page 2, line 14.

Reference AP (2000-357773) of Form PTO-1449:

Etching stopper layer made of Wsi is deposited on top electrode.

Reference AQ (2000-349247) of Form PTO-1449:

This publication is referred to in the specification. See page 2, line 15.

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				U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS			
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	6,586,793 B2	07/01/03	Keitaro IMAI, et al.			
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	AO	10-256503	09/25/98	Japan	YES	NO	X
	AP	2000-357773	12/26/00	Japan			X
	AQ	2000-349247	12/15/00	Japan			X
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